

Research Roundup

A large trial in England (18 local authorities) showed that providing synthetic phonics coaching support to teachers (literacy consultants working with schools) from Nursery through Year 2 (and beyond) led to improved reading outcomes, especially for children from disadvantaged backgrounds and non-native English speakers.

To read about the trial [click here](#) and [here](#).



Did you know?

Are there revision lessons within IDL Literacy?

Yes, there are revision lessons in IDL Literacy.

Here's how they work:

- Revision lessons begin after a student has completed 70 lesson units.
- After that point, lessons alternate: a new lesson is followed by a revision lesson, then the next new, then another revision, and so on.
- Revision lessons are designed to consolidate and reinforce previously learned material.
- The structure is such that in typical lessons, ~80 % is revision of earlier material and ~20 % is new content.

Fact Zone

In 2025, the SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC) updated its guidance to recognize dyscalculia as a specific form of Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) in mathematics, impacting a person's core understanding of numbers and quantities. It is a lifelong, inherited condition distinct from simply finding math difficult, affecting roughly 6% of the population. Symptoms include trouble with number sense, calculations, telling time, money management, and spatial reasoning, though individuals often have strengths in areas like creativity, strategic thinking, and problem-solving. To find out more [click here](#).



Product Updates

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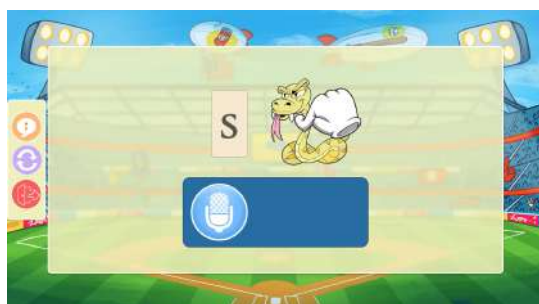
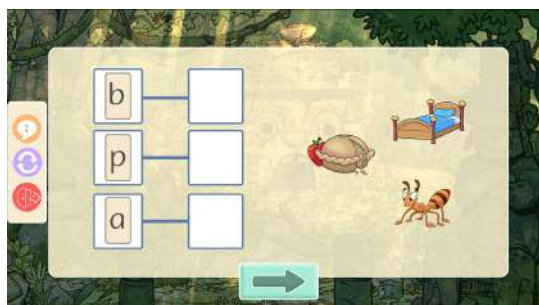
Our product development team are currently working on our new product, IDL Phonics.

What is IDL Phonics?

- IDL Phonics is a multi-sensory phonics program being developed by IDL and designed to align with the UK National Curriculum and the Letters and Sounds framework.
- It aims to support systematic phonics development with interactive lessons. There will be a placement test, and then learners follow a personalised path based on their current ability.

Key Features of IDL Phonics:

- Blending, segmenting, phoneme manipulation, and sight word recognition as core skills.
- Multi-sensory features: letter tracing, audio cues, visual prompts. This is especially meant to support learners with dyslexia or other learning difficulties.
- Practice for the Phonics Screening Check (England) is built in. So pupils will become familiar with the format.
- It helps prepare children for the Phonics Screening Check, modelling the format and content of questions they will take.



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